THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The growth of electricity generation in the country during the year 2003-2004 was 5.0%.

(b) and (c) As per 2001 Census, 43.5% of rural households have access to electricity. As on 31st March, 2004,80.80% of inhabited villages have been electrified.

(d) The following steps are being taken to improve the generation and availability of power in the country:

(i) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW has been targeted for Tenth Five Year Plan consisting of 22,832 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 MW in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector.

(ii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in PLF of thermal units.

(iii) Creation of a robust National Grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transmission of power.

(iv) Disbursement of loans with interest subsidy by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization of old and inefficient generating units.

(v) Exploitation of hydro potential at a fast pace.

(vi) Demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures.

Losses due to handing over power distribution to private sector in Delhi

†354. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a loss of Rs. 6000 crore has been estimated in Delhi due to the abolition of the erstwhile DVB and handing over the responsibility of Power distribution to the Private Sector companies during recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether at the time of handing over the power distribution work to the Private Sector any norm for profits had been fixed for these companies; and

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(d) if so, what was that norm and the amount of annual profit as per that norm?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As per information made available by Government of NCT of Delhi no such loss has been estimated.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. According to the provisions of the Transfer Scheme and Policy directions issued by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) in Delhi were allowed assured 16% return on equity and free reserves. However, this amount is allowed to DISCOMS as expenses by DERC while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement on year-to-year basis.

Power projects in the country

†355. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of power projects running in the country; and

(b) the State-wise details of gap between power generation by these power projects and consumption thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) State-wise details of power projects running in the country are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 2002 Annexure No. 1]

(b) State-wise power supply position for the period April-June, 2004 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

State-wise power supply position for the period April-June, 2004
Actual power supply position

April-June, 2004 (Figures in MU net)

State/Region	Requirement	Availability	Surplus/Deficit (%)	
			(+)	(-)
Chandigarh	308	308	0	0.0
Delhi	5711	5668	-43	-0.8
Haryana	5504	5290	-214	-3.9

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